

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.
PCT/US97/13965

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC(6) : G08G 1/123

US CL : 701/200, 207, 211, 117; 340/988, 994

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

U.S. : 701/200, 201, 207, 208, 209, 211, 213, 117; 340/988, 990, 994, 995; 73/178K

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	US 5,400,020 A (JONES et al) 21 March 1995, fig. 1 and abstract.	1, 4/1, 5/1, 5/4, 6-9, 11-14 & 23
X, E	US 5,657,010 A (JONES) 12 August 1997, fig. 1 and abstract.	1, 4/1, 5/1, 5/4, 6-9, 11-14 & 23
X	US 4,799,162 A (SHINKAWA et al) 17 January 1989, figs. 5-6 and abstract.	1, 4/1, 5/1, 5/4, 6-9, 11-14 & 23
A	US 5,483,234 A (CARREEL et al) 09 January 1996, fig. 1.	1-26
A	US 5,493,295 A (LEWINER et al) 20 February 1996, see the entire document.	1-26

☒ Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C. ☐ See patent family annex.

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A document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance	*X* document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone
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L document which may throw doubts on priority claim(s) or which is cited to establish the publication date of another citation or other special reason (as specified)	*A* document member of the same patent family
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Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	US 4,937,751 A (NIMURA et al) 26 June 1990, fig. 3 and abstract.	27-31
X	US 4,812,845 A (YAMADA et al) 14 March 1989, fig. 1 and abstract.	27-31
X, P	US 5,614,898 A (KAMIYA et al) 25 March 1997, fig. 1 and abstract.	27-31
A	US 4,307,859 A (HAYASHI et al) 29 December 1981, fig. 2.	27-31

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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)

This international report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

2. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically:

3. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

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1. ☒ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers all searchable claims.
2. ☐ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. ☐ As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:

4. ☐ No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this international search report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

Remark on Protest

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The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.

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No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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BOX II. OBSERVATIONS WHERE UNITY OF INVENTION WAS LACKING

This ISA found multiple inventions as follows:

This application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions which are not so linked as to form a single inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1. In order for all inventions to be searched, the appropriate additional search fees must be paid.

Group I, claim(s) 1-26, drawn to a system or method for determining the location of vehicles used in calculating the arrival times for the transit system, classified in class 701/207.

Group II, claim(s) 27-31, drawn to a system for playing messages on individual vehicles travelling along the given routes, classified in class 701/1.

The inventions listed as Groups I and II do not relate to a single inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: The inventions are not linked in operation and perform completely different operations.